

## **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### **Listing of the Claims:**

1. A method of treating coloured fabrics with a luminance (L\*) less than 50 which comprises contacting the fabrics with a wash liquor comprising:
  - a) 0.1-0.001 g/L of a hydroxy C2-C4 alkyl derivative of a beta 1-4 polysaccharide, and,
  - b) surfactant; and
  - c) wherein the hydroxy C2-C4 alkyl derivative is a hydroxy ethyl derivative.
2. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the fabrics are black.
3. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein hydroxy C2-C4 alkyl derivative of a beta 1-4 polysaccharide is a hydroxyl ethyl cellulose derivative.
4. (cancel)
5. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the degree of substitution of the hydroxy C2-C4 alkyl derivative (DS) is 1-3.
6. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the degree of substitution of the hydroxy C2-C4 alkyl derivative (DS) is 1.5-2.25.
7. (cancel)
8. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the molecular weight of the hydroxy C2-C4 alkyl derivative of a beta 1-4 polysaccharide is 100,000 to 500,000 Dalton.

9. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the molecular weight of the hydroxy C2-C4 alkyl derivative of a beta 1-4 polysaccharide is 100,000 to 300,000 Dalton.
10. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the hydroxy C2-C4 alkyl derivative of a beta 1-4 polysaccharide is such that viscosity of the material is 300-400 cps at 2%wt solution in water.